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S. 1451

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 6, 1995

Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. KYL) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. CONTINGENCY AGREEMENT TO KEEP NA-**
2 **TIONAL PARKS OPEN.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior, act-
4 ing through the Director of the National Park Service,
5 may enter into an agreement with a State and political
6 subdivisions of the State under which—

7 (1) employees of the State and political subdivi-
8 sions of the State, identified by the Secretary and
9 State officials as having the requisite expertise and
10 background, will operate components of the National
11 Park System in the State during any period in a fis-
12 cal year in which the National Park Service is un-
13 able to maintain the normal level of park operations;

14 (2) prior to the time when their services may be
15 required, the Secretary, using available appropria-
16 tions, will provide any training that employees of the
17 State or political subdivisions of the State may need
18 to perform operations; and

19 (3) the Secretary of the Interior may accept a
20 monetary donation from a State or political subdivi-
21 sion of a State to enable the Secretary to operate
22 components of the National Park System in the
23 State during any period in a fiscal year in which the
24 National Park Service is unable to maintain the nor-
25 mal level of park operations.

1 (b) REIMBURSEMENT.—The Secretary may, subject
2 to the availability of appropriations, reimburse the State
3 and political subdivisions for costs incurred in perform-
4 ance of the agreement.

5 (c) LIABILITY.—A State or a political subdivision of
6 the State shall be liable to the United States in indem-
7 nification for any liability imposed on the United States
8 for an act or omission by an employee of the State or polit-
9 ical subdivision providing services under an agreement
10 under subsection (a).

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